

Compact Dual-band Reach Xtend™ (NN01-004) – AN for Bluetooth Handsets and WiFi Handsets. 2.4-2.5 GHz and 4.9-5.875 GHz

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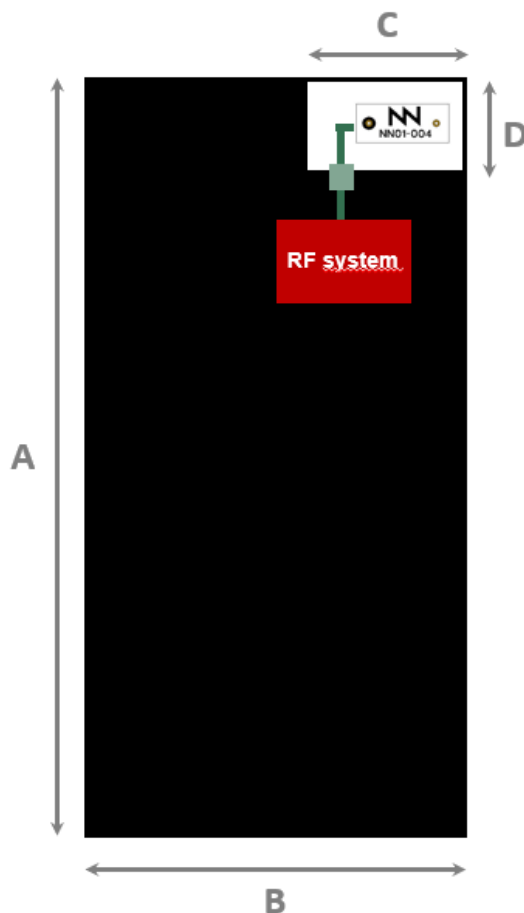
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1. RECOMMENDED PCB LAYOUT FOR A NEW DESIGN

The following example describes the basics for a new design of a Bluetooth handset or a WiFi handset for dual band operation. Notice the importance of the antenna location, ground plane area, clearance area and the pads for a PI-matching network (close to the antenna feeding point but in the ground plane area). All images below do not correspond to real sizes.

1.1. BLUETOOTH OR WIFI DUAL BAND WITH THE COMPACT DUAL BAND CHIP ANTENNA (NN01-004)

The ground plane area of the Compact Dual-band standard evaluation board (pages 4 and 5 of the [User Manual](#)) has been extended to 120 mm x 60 mm. This area is in line with the average dimensions of the most popular smartphones available in the market.



Measure	mm
A	120.0
B	60.0
C	11.1
D	5.7

Tolerance: ±0.2mm

Note: For recommended distances between the antenna and the ground plane please go to the [User Manual](#) (Antenna Footprint, Figure 3, Page 8)

Material: The evaluation board is built on FR4 substrate. Thickness is 1 mm.

Figure 1 – Example of the Compact Dual Band antenna in a 120 mm x 60 mm PCB.

1.2. MATCHING NETWORK IN FREE SPACE

The specs of a Fractus Antennas standard antenna are measured in their evaluation board (in free space), which is an ideal case. In a real design, components nearby the antenna, semiconductors, LCD's, batteries, covers, connectors, etc affect the antenna performance. This is the reason why it is highly recommended placing pads compatible with 0402 and 0603 SMD components for a PI matching network as close as possible to the antenna feeding point. Do it in the ground plane area, not in the clearance area. This is a degree of freedom to tune the antenna once the design is finished and taking into account all elements of the system (batteries, displays, covers, etc).

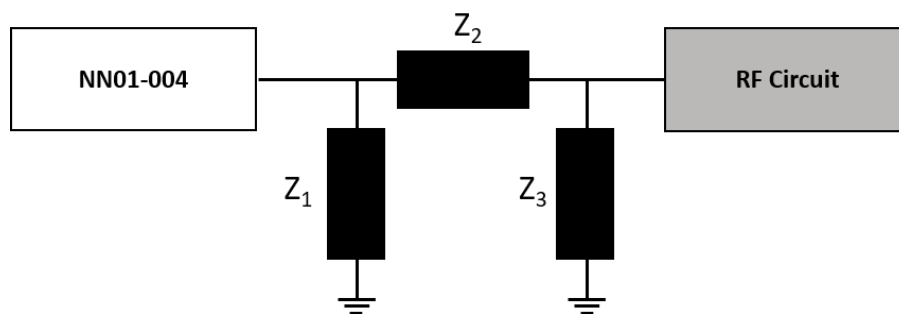


Figure 2 – PI matching network example

In the evaluation board showed in Figure 1 the values of the components are the following (0402 SMD, high-Q):

- Z1: 0.2 pF capacitor
- Z2: 1.5 nH inductor
- Z3: Empty pad, no component

Please notice that different devices with different ground planes and different components nearby the Compact Dual-band Reach Xtend™ chip antenna may need a different matching network. To ensure optimal results, the use of high Q and tight tolerance components is highly recommended (Murata components). If you need assistance to design your matching network beyond this application note, please contact support@fractusantennas.com, or try our free-of-charge¹ **NN Wireless Fast-Track** design service, you will get your chip antenna design including a custom matching network for your device in 24h¹. Other related to NN's range of R&D services is available at: <https://www.fractusantennas.com/rdservices/>

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1.3. VSWR AND EFFICIENCY

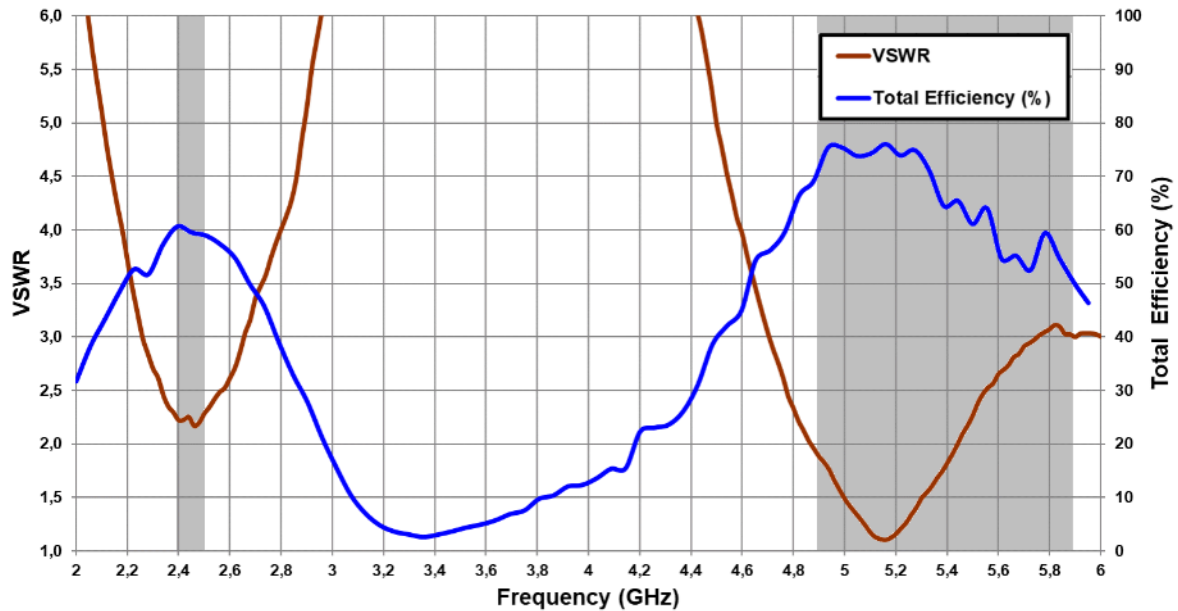


Figure 3 – VSWR (Voltage Standing Wave Ratio) and Total Efficiency (%) vs. Frequency.

The average efficiency across the 2.4 – 2.5 GHz band is around 60% while the average VSWR is around 2.2. The average efficiency across the 4.9 – 5.875 GHz band is around 66% while the average VSWR is around 2.0.

Notice that the clearance area is smaller in the 120 mm x 60 mm version than in the standard Evaluation Board (page 4 of the [User Manual](#)). If the clearance area could be extended in the final design, then the performance of the antenna would be even better.

2. MATCHING NETWORK CONSIDERING THE HUMAN BODY EFFECT

The human head and hand affect the performance of the antenna and may produce a frequency downshift. Therefore, the configuration of the matching network has to be designed with a phantom head and/or a phantom hand to optimize the antenna performance.

Please contact support@fractusantennas.com for more information related to the antenna matching service with a phantom head and/or a phantom hand.

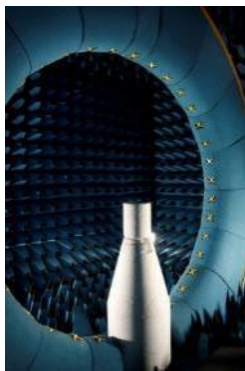
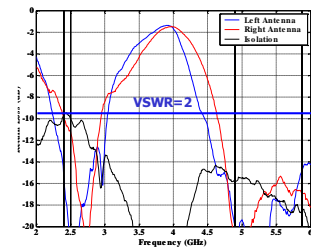
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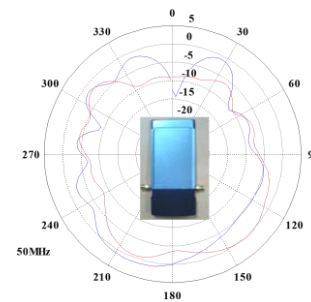
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